Bringing more items Under ISI

1588. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring more items under the purview of the Indian Standards Institute;

(b) if so, what are the names of such items which are likely to be brought under the Indian Standards Institute; and

(c) what procedure is followed in these matters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) to (c) ISI Certification Marks scheme is voluntary in nature. The necessity of bringing certain items under compulsory Certification is under consideration for which statutory action will be necessary.

Catering Contractors in Suburban Section of Western Railway

1589. DR. MAHABIR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been several charges or cancellations in catering contracts on the suburban section of the Western Railway Stations;

(b) if so, what are the names of the contractors and stations where these cancellations and changes have been made since January, 1984; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor and the names of the contractors to whom these cancelled contracts have been given?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Since January, 1984 there was neither any change in the licensees nor any cancellation of catering contracts. However, during this period, shifting of one tea stall held by Shri Giriraj Sohanlal from Chawalkeda station to Andheri station and conversion of one Milk Bar at Grant Road station held by Shri M. K. Kashyap into a tea stall were permitted at the requests of the licensees.

(c) Does not arise.

Task force on movement of coal

1590. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has constituted a task force in collaboration with the Railway Board and the Department of Coal to study the problems of movement of coal by Railways in 1984-85;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the said task force; and

(c) by when the task force is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Task Force was to go into all aspects of the problems of movement of coal by rail in 1984-85.

(c) The report is being finalised.

Casual Labourers in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

1591. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stated:

(a) the number of casual labourers in his Ministry and its offices/departments/subordinate offices/attached offices who have been made regular during the last three years, office-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of casual workers who have been working for more than two years and have not been made regular and the reasons therefor; and